





# THE MAINE FARMER: AN AGRICULTURAL AND FAMILY NEWSPAPER.

## Gongressional Summary.

Thirty-Ninth Congress—First Session.

TUESDAY, Dec. 5.

**Senate.** A message was received from the House announcing its organization and requesting a committee to wait upon the President for its message.

A message was also received from the House announcing its resolution to the House of the joint resolution for a Committee on Reconstruction.

Mr. Wade moved to take up the last resolution.

Mr. Sausbury moved to refer the resolution to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Johnson objected to the introduction of the resolution.

Mr. Sherman introduced a bill for the survey and sale of mineral lands of the United States.

Mr. Cowan presented the credentials of Messrs. Alcorn and Sharkey, Senators elect from Mississippi, which were ordered to be laid on the table for further action.

Mr. Foot resolved a resolution from the Legislature of Vermont in favor of equal rights in the reconstructed State.

After the reading of the President's message, 25,000 copies were ordered to be printed. Adjourned.

**House.** Mr. Raymond presented a memorial of Mr. Dodge, contesting the seat of Jas. Brooks of New York.

Rev. Mr. Boynton, Congregationalist, was elected Chaplain.

The Special Committee on a uniform bankrupt law was then reviewed.

A resolution that the interest and principal of the debt remaining the rebellion ought to be promptly paid was adopted.

After the reading of the President's message it was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

A motion to print 50,000 extra copies was referred to the Committee on Printing. Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 6.

**Senate.** A series of resolutions were introduced favoring equality to all men before the law. Ordered to be printed.

The committees for the session were then announced.

A resolution was introduced instituting the Secretary of the Treasury to take into consideration any persons are employed in the Treasury Department who have not taken the oath; also whether any persons are employed in that Department in offices not authorized by law.

Ordered to be laid over under the rules.

A committee of 13 was appointed to confer with a committee of the House relative to taking appropriate action the death of President Lincoln.

A resolution was introduced referring to a portion of the Constitution was offered amending the export duty, retaining the robust and securing to all persons equal protection and rights of liberty. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

A resolution was offered and laid over that it is unjust to subject colored persons, who contribute to the support of the government, and who perished in their lives in its service, and who perished in their service in its defense.

A bill for the relief of Mrs. Mary Lincoln is introduced and referred.

Adjourned to Monday.

MONDAY, Dec. 11.

**Senate.** A bill was introduced to increase to \$20 the pension of any man who has lost both feet in military or naval service.

Mr. Wade introduced a preamble and resolutions in relation to the various subdivisions of Mexico by a foreign power, and requested the President of the United States to take such steps as will secure this matter as will indicate the recognized policy, and protect the honor and interests of our Government.

A petition of 2,500 negroes for suffrage in the District of Columbia was introduced.

Mosser, Foote, Tays, Wade, Fessenden, Wilson, Boutelle, Harris, Neustadt, Lane of Ind., Wiley, Buckland and Henderson were appointed a joint committee on President Lincoln's death.

A resolution introduced by Mr. Blaine of Maine to the effect that the Standard Fund for advances made and debts contracted in support of the war, was referred to a select committee of five.

A joint resolution declaring the condition of the State of Oregon, the rebel, and the position of Congress in relation thereto was introduced and referred to a select committee of five.

A joint resolution against the attempted establishment of a monarchy in Mexico, and requesting the President to take such steps as will vindicate the cause of the United States and the honor and interests of the United States was introduced and referred to the committee on foreign affairs.

The joint standing committees were announced by the Speaker.

A bill to prevent the importation of cattle from foreign countries to prevent the spread of the cattle disease was passed.

Mr. Ward introduced a bill which referred to the committee on military affairs, granting bounty land and money to soldiers who enlisted in the rebellion, and for all soldiers who enlisted prior to June 22, 1863, and have been honorably discharged. The object is to make the bounty of this class of soldiers equal to that of those who subsequently enlisted.

Mr. Blaine of Ohio introduced a joint resolution for amendment of the Constitution, making it the duty of each State to provide for the rightfull pursuit of happiness of all its inhabitants, without distinction of race or color.

Mr. P. A. Garfield introduced a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution that all the National and State laws shall be equally applicable to every citizen; and no discrimination made on account of race or color. Referred to committee on judiciary.

The Speaker appointed as the committee on the death of President Lincoln, one from each State, as follows:

Washburn of Illinois, Blaine of Maine, Patterson of New Hampshire, Merrill of Vermont, C. G. Grinnell of N.Y., Wright of N.J., Stevens of Pa., Nicholson of Del., Thomas of Md., Schenck of N.Y., Shanks of Ky., Orr of Ind., McClung of Miss., Branson of Mich., Kason of La., Sibley of Wis., Higby of Cal., Winslow of Conn., and Darrow of Oregon, Clark of Kansas, Whaley of West Va.

The House refused to suspend the rules for the admission of a resolution giving the representatives from Southern States the privilege of floor, pending the consideration of their claims to seats.

## Foreign News.

### FOUR DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE.

The Steamship City of New York, from Liverpool Nov. 22nd, via Queenstown Nov. 23rd, arrived at New York Nov. 24th.

The Confederate pirate steamer Shenandoah sailed from Liverpool on the 21st for New York.

Public meetings are taking place in Manchester to demand from the government the most searching investigation of the burning of James' factory.

The London Times has reason to believe that at a Cabinet council held on the 18th it was determined to address an energetic remonstrance to the Spanish Government against the conduct of the Admiral commanding the Spanish fleet of Valparaiso, who again threatened the English and French merchantmen.

A Catholic messenger, conveying these instructions to the British Minister at Madrid, was dispatched the same evening from London.

Parliament has been further prologue to the 26th of December.

In Dublin the papers of the evening of the 26th, to the Morning Post, say Pigeon House Fort, commanding Dublin Bay, had been garrisoned since the 18th by large military detachments. All the guns were mounted on the gun-doubling carriages, and were held under arms at night. During all that day (the 26th) four general officers were in the fort, and the gates and bridges were closed.

The number of Fenians admitted to ball is regarded as an indication that only the chiefs will be present.

The Liverpool Post publishes a circumstantial account of a duel recently fought near that city, in which a number of Fenians admitted to ball are present, and are regarded as the cause of a slight wound.

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The Paris Patrie says the Spanish government has sent instructions to Admiral Parie not to attack the Chilian ports.

The representative of the Gilets was present at the Cabinet Council of the Spanish Ministry had been held it which was unanimously decided to back out of the Chilian affair, and imperative orders have been dispatched via New York, ordering Admiral Parie to stop proceedings, report progress, and await instructions from Madrid.

## The Markets.

### AUGUSTA PRICE CURRENT.

TUESDAY, Dec. 15, 1863.

(Covered weekly by "MARCHAND," Hodge & Co., G. M. Mulligan & Co., and Corp. & Farm.)

**Flour.** \$13.00 to 17.00. Clear Salt Pork, \$20.00 to 28.00.

Corn Meal, 1.00 to 1.25. Mutton & Veal, 7 to 10.

Wheat, 1.00 to 1.25. Bacon, 1.00 to 1.25.

Rye, 1.40 to 1.50. Chickens & Pigs, 18 to 20.

Bacon, 1.00 to 1.25. Butter, 1.00 to 1.25.

Barley, 80 to 90.

Beefs, 2.00 to 2.50. Beef Tallow, 1.00 to 1.25.

Potatoes, 60 to 70.

Oranges, 1.00 to 1.25. Fowls, 1.25 to 1.50.

Apples, 1.00 to 1.25. Pullet Wool, 50 to 60.

Butter, 1.00 to 1.25. Sheep Skins, 3.00 to 4.00.

Chese, 1.00 to 1.25. Lambkins, 1.00 to 1.25.

Meat, 1.00 to 1.25. Lamb, 1.00 to 1.25.

Wool, 1.00 to 1.25. Wood, soft.

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Poetry.

## LOSS AND GAIN.

They had done well to take away,  
And not me either—  
SOLD.

That good life in the business,  
Is not the best; but it's more  
worth the trouble. But other men would come to all;

When even truth like these will call  
WANTON, COLD hearts for humor comfort call.

Then I would have done to see  
What was the best way to do that  
LAWES & CO., As one of a great family.

And, as material life is planned,  
Then the honest man can stand  
Devoid of honor, but he has had

CLINTON, IT'S WITH THE wife and more than  
Methinks every soul to thine.  
In one great brotherhood drive.

Now with thy share of life be ready,  
To stand by me, when I am perfect,

It's exactly to the next.

What seems so dark to thy sight  
Will be seen in the light.

The shade that struck thee—no more  
To shelter thee—lets Heaven's blue floor

Where it never shone before.

And guide a wanderer homeward.

It may be in some great steed  
To help build up a lofty deed.

The least thinketh his bold content,  
Thus knowing that it was but mean

As others were great; and  
The least thinketh his bold content,  
May make completest music roll

Fret out the great harmonious whole.

It may be, that when all is right,  
Will to know why all was right;

To hear life's perfect music rise,  
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